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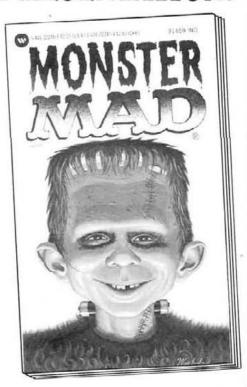
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You guys goofed on the cover of MAD #252. A blue sky in New York City?!? Come on! The air hasn't been that clean and clear in 50 years!

Geppe Lafada Staten Island, NY

Ears to you guys for the cover of MAD #252! I lobed it!

> Francine Gordon Cleveland, OH

POETRY & NOTION

MAD #252 helped me out in school! In my Language Arts Class we were supposed to write down one of our favorite poems and illustrate it. I couldn't think of anything. Then I read "Poems To Inspire You And Bring Hope To Your Heart." I liked them so I used the "Blessings" poem. After the teacher read it I saw her look at me funny. But she gave me an A! Now how about doing my homework?

> Kyle Kirby Lake City, SC

Surel The answers for your homework tonight are: 1492, 1776, Eli Whitney, Albany, 116 and Silver.—Ed.

A JAFFEE IMITATOR

Thought you might like to see this cartoon from the October 25, 1984 edition of the local paper.

Jeff Acker Greenville, SC

FALLING MADLY IN LOVE

How you helped shape our lives! On Sunday, Jan. 16, 1960, I was sitting in a cafe in Waukesha, Wisconsin reading a copy of MAD—or should I say trying to read a copy of MAD! The problem was my eyes kept wandering over to this sweet little redhead seated at the counter. Every time I looked over, she was looking at me! Finally, she got up and headed straight for my table. My heart began to pound. She leaned against the wall beside me and asked if she could read my copy of MAD, which she had never seen before. I said "no," but it didn't seem to matter to her. She was so intrigued that she ripped the magazine out of my hands and sat down beside me. A little angry, I took her firmly by the shoulders, turned her against my chest with her head resting on my shoulder and we read the MAD together. We were married in May 1961. It's now 25 years, five children and eight grandchildren later. We still read MAD together! We often wish we still had the copy of MAD I was reading when we met, but we weren't smart enough to save it. Nevertheless, we are still mad about MAD and can't seem to break

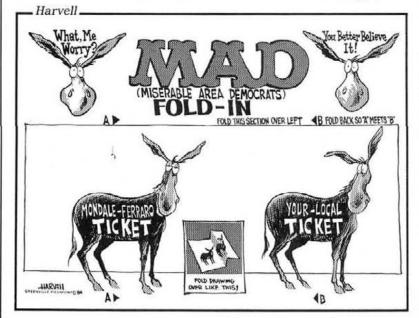
> Harlan E, Van Kirk Phoenix, AZ



BORN LOSERS

Our first car was an Edsel; We thought the Beatles were a fad. We voted for Nixon (twice); Bought gold at the \$800 price. We invested in Iranian oil stocks; Suffered through swine flu shots. We bought our vacation home on Three Mile Island; Sent our son to Medical school in Grenada, Enclosed please find a check for \$25 for 24 more issues of MAD.

The Mumma Family West Islip, NY



LETTER OF THE MONTH



THE MAD MINUTE

"The MAD Minute" is an ongoing series of (alleged) funny radio routines performed by MAD writer Dick DeBartolo. Over the next few issues, we'll list, by state, the radio stations now playing the Minute. When we publish your state, if your favorite station isn't listed, send us their name and address. We'll make sure they start receiving the rape. Send the station's name and address to: The MAD Minute, c/o MAD Magazine, 485 MADison Avenue, New York, NY 10022

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ROCK AROUND THE BLOC DEPT.

Cindy's right! With Rock Video growing in popularity every day, how long do you think it's going to be before a "Special Interest Group" hires some chameleon Rock Performer—a man without conviction—to make a special Video that plugs its own biased point of view?!? What a drag that'il be! Somebody ought to call "The Police"! Right, Sting?

Right! We already saw the first signs of it when Michael Jackson sold out, and did one of his hits for those lousy Pepsi commercials!

We think it's only a matter of time before ... with every breath you take ... you'll be seeing Rock Stars like Michael—and us—doing

Hill I'm Cindy Lauper, and I've told you time after time that girls just want to have fun! But not today! Today, I'm here with an important warning... ROCK VIDEO IN THE WRONG HANDS CAN BE DANGEROUS! Tell 'em all about it, B.G.!



BOCKVIDEO

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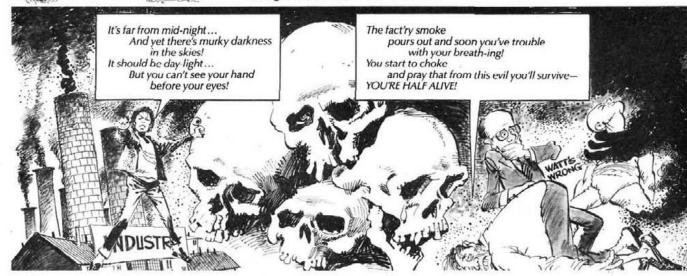
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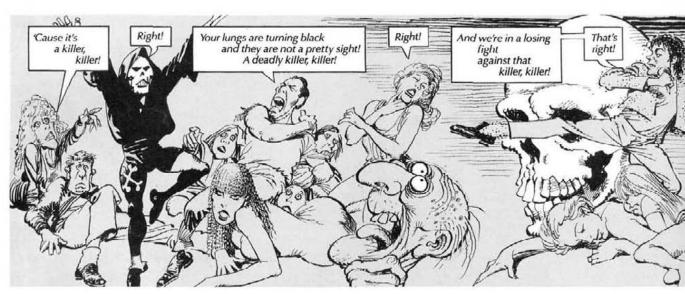
ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

"KILLER"* as presented by Outraged Environmentalists

*sung to the tune of "Thriller"







Just watch it spread—
And all along the shore
you can be see-ing
Fish floating dead—
And soon they'll wash up on the beach as well—
Yecch! What a smell!







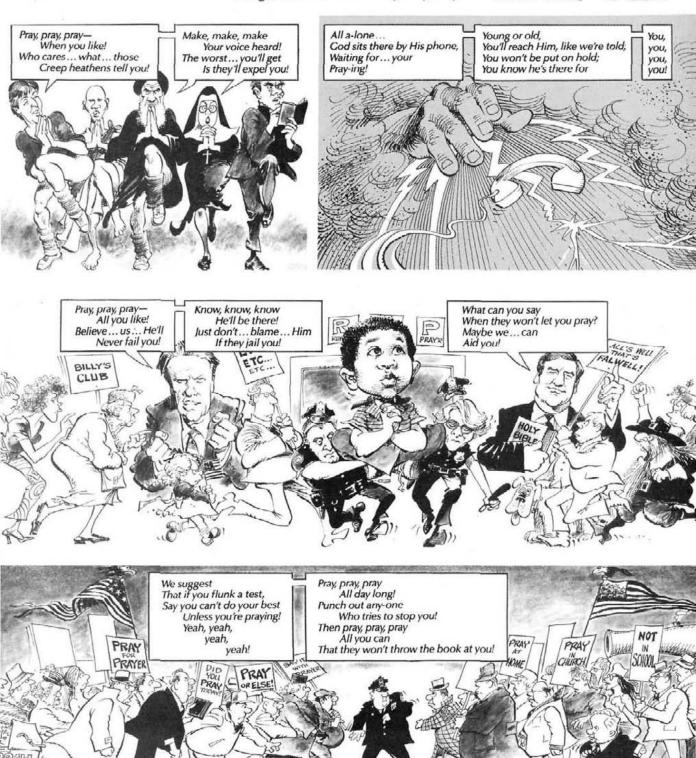








*sung to the tune of "Say, Say, Say"





"BAN IT"* as presented by Angry Reactionaries

A book that's dirty

don't deservé no applause!

*sung to the tune of "Beat It"

They're showin' flicks

with too much sex around here!







NOMENCULTURE DEPT.

BOYS JUST WAR

BEACH BOY GEORGES

BOY GEORGE PEPPARD

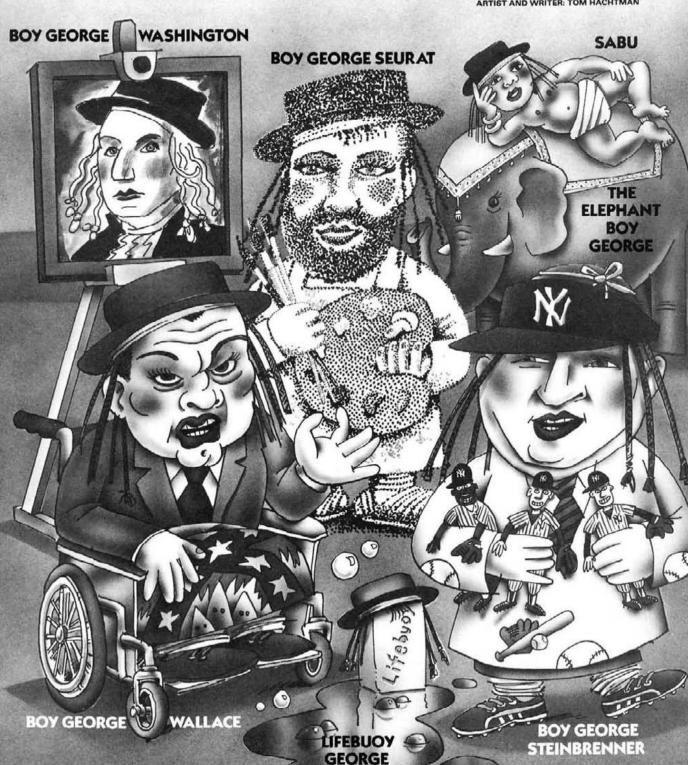
BOY GEORGE JETSON

BOY GEORGE HARRISON

BOY GEORGE BURNS

NA BE GEORGE

ARTIST AND WRITER TOM HACHTMAN



Thinking about what career to get into? Wondering whether or not you'll fit in? Well, here's the seventh in a series of tests designed to help you choose your future line of work. Mainly, discover your true abilities by taking...

MAD'S APTITUDE TEST NUMBER SEVEN WILL YOU MAKE A GOOD ROCK STAR?

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

- Complete this sentence: As a Rock Star, you depend totally on
 - A. Your tax accountant, for figuring a way to deduct cocaine as a business expense.
 - B. Your personal physician, for prescribing uppers and downers as a "medical necessity."
 - C. Your bodyguard, for getting rid of the groupie you've just completed your three-hour relationship with.
 - D. All of the above.
- As a Rock Star, you are publically accused by an admirer of fathering her child. How does this benefit you?
 - You're sure to become even more of a sex symbol.
 - B. You're getting free frontpage publicity you never dreamed of.
 - C. Your new single, "Fillin' My Honey With Love," is now a cinch to hit the top of the charts.
 - D. All of the above.
- Writing a "Top Forty" Rock Hit requires a special talent. If the first line of a song is "Baby, for your love I'm goin' crazy..." then which of these has the right rhyme and meter for the second line?
 - A. "...like a rhinoceros in heat in southeastern Zimbabwe."
 - B. "...especially when I'm locked out of my Toyota and it's 30 below and I'm freezin' my butt and I'm feelin' so bad."
 - C. "...except when I'm in Tulsa."
 D. Any of the above.
- A. A really hot Rock Video number requires appropriate special effects. Which of these visuals works best with a heartfelt love song?
 - A. Shooting yourself out of a

- psychedelic cannon through a 12-foot chocolate doughnut with exploding sprinkles.
- B. Dive-bombing a flock of crazed pigeons into a Hare Krishna rally.
- C. Destroying any mid-size city in South Dakota with an atom bomb
- D. All of the above.
- 5. In the middle of a concert, your second guitarist gets sick from too much booze and throws up on stage. How should you react?
 - A. Tell him to retch in tempo.
 - B. Throw up along with him to protect your star billing.
 - C. Alert the media to the fact that you've just discovered "a hot new Rock sound."
 - D. All of the above.
- Winding up an outdoor concert, you're looking for a finale that spotlights your talent and reveals your musical ability. Which of the following works best?
 - A. Turning around, dropping your trousers and mooning the audience.
 - B. Punching your lead guitarist in the face while riding piggyback on an orangutan.
 - C. Throwing your own guitar into a giant pot of linguini.
 - D. Any of the above.
- Only a week after hitting the Top Twenty, your drummer dies of an overdose. How do you handle it?
 - A. Leak every sordid detail to the press, thereby insuring maximum publicity and moving you up to the Top Ten.
 - B. Film the autopsy, then lay in a music track for a dynamite Rock Video "special effect."
 - C. Hire Yankee Stadium for the funeral at \$15 a head, then put the body on ice and restage the services on a 12-city road tour.
 - D. All of the above.



- The Rock Star above has the reputation of being "unaffected by money and fame" and is totally "down-to-Earth." This usually means:
 - A. He restricts the number of people at his all-night orgies to only a few dozen of his closest friends.
 - B. He chooses only conservative colors for the Day-Glo racing stripes on his fleet of Rolls Royces.
 - C. He limits himself to only "soft" drugs on religious holidays.
 - D. All of the above.
- 9. A TV interviewer mentions that, from one concert, you earn what the President makes in a year. What do you say to that?
 - A. "So they overpay him! Big deal!"
 - B. "Well, he doesn't draw the crowds that I do!"
 - C. "Look, man, I paid my dues! I struggled for five weeks before I got my big break!"
 - D. Any of the above.

SCORING

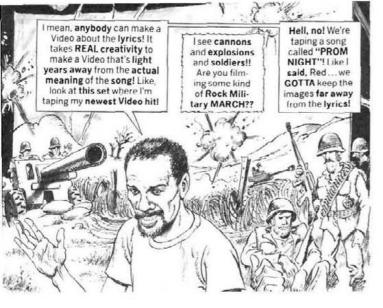
if you answered "O" to all the questions, you have the ability to make a good Pro Athlete.

TOPPLE 'NIGHT TIME' TAKES A MAD LOOK AT ROCK VIDEO

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO













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It cost \$4.00! A TV Station lost

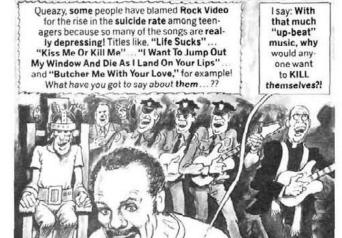
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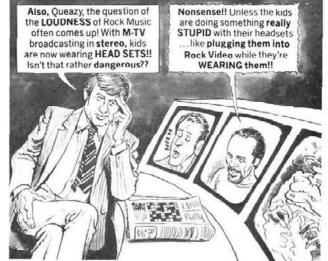














GRAVE REVIEWS DEPT.

Being a Rock Star is kinda like dancing on whirling helicopter blades: The pay is good, but you don't see too many blade dancers with gray hair...if you get the idea. You'd think, after about twenty zillion Rock Stars have passed on to that Great Concert in the Sky, that the fools would wise up! But it just never seems to work out that way. And so, every month, somebody new kicks the bucket, and then we all have to go through the usual routine. Mainly, we gotta suffer:

THE EXPLOITATION OF A ROCK DEATH

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

August 2



Dirk McDirt, a minor import from the last days of the famous "British Invasion" of rock music, is found dead in a hotel room in Encino. He'd had only three chart singles, including his biggest hit, "Don't Hit Mc With That Chain Again", which peaked in "Billboard" at Number 62.

August 2-10



Radio stations worldwide go into mourning, and hurriedly scrap their playlist to feature only music by McDirt. This is easier said than done, since McDirt only recorded thirteen songs during his musical career.

August 3



Retched Records, McDirt's recording label, immediately rereleases every piece of music remotely connected to him. Music lovers, who up until now had never heard of him, jam record stores to buy his albums. Also, Thomas J. Naugahyde, the notorious "Coroner to the Stars", is brought in by police to determine the cause of death. Naugahyde tells reporters that he refuses to allow McDirt's death to turn into a media circus. He also announces that ABC Television has won the bidding war for the rights to film McDirt's autopsy.

August 4



McDirt's widow, Bertha, comes out of seclusion, and releases an official statement expressing her grief over the untimely loss of her husband and her disgust over the "ghouls and graverobbers" who, seeking to capitalize on Dirk's name, have plastered his face on anything they can sell, Mrs. McDirt concludes her statement by announcing her signing of a contract with the William Morris Talent Agency.

August 5



A massive, global "Dirk-In" is held, as fans of McDirt music gather together in all corners of the earth in his honor. One such gathering, in New York City's Central Park, attracts a reported 75 people. Bertha McDirt, who charged fifteen bucks a head admission, is so moved by the turnout that she pledges to use a small portion of the proceeds to have a rock in Central Park named in her late husband's honor. That night, Coroner Naugahyde announces it's still too early to determine if McDirt's death was the result of drug overdose or a plane crash.

August 6



The sleaze publications hit the stands and, predictably, McDirt is big news. The "Enquirer" blares, McDIRT KILLED BY UFO! The "Star" features McDirt's first interview from beyond the grave. The "Midnight Globe" hires McDirt as its editor-in-chief.

August 8—10



Every major artist in the business releases a single, each dedicated to the memory of McDirt. Several of these, such as Paul McCartney's "Hey Dirk", Boy George's "Do You Really Want To Dirk Me?" and Michael Jackson's "Dirk It" rocket into the Top Ten. All told, these tributes earn over 15 million dollars, more money than McDirt ever saw...even dreamed about...in his entire life.

August 12



In a press conference, Coroner Naugahyde states that McDirt's death came as the result of his 18 accidently choking on an oyster.

Auaust 13



The "National Enquirer's" top story is an interview with the oyster, titled, "I KILLED DIRK McDIRT". The "Star" seals a photographer in McDirt's casket in order to get the absolute last photos of McDirt. The "Midnight Globe", however, fires McDirt as editor saying, "He never shows up for work".

DISC-Y BUSINESS DEPT.

Have you been to a record store lately, and actually bought a rock album (instead of slipping it under your jacket, as you've been known to do)? Have you wondered why the record costs a bloody fortune? Well, wonder no more... as MAD analyzes-

WHERE YOUR ROCK ALBUM DOLLAR GOES



RECORDING EXPENSES



3¢

Chickens, sheep and other livestock slaughtered on stage for effect by recording group during their concert performances.



2¢

Emergency fire extinguishers, in case any member of the recording group or the audience catches on fire from the fireworks display.



5¢

Various drugs required by group members and roadies to help them get "up" for and "down" from the recording concert performances.



10¢

Hotel expenses incurred during recording concert tours, including payments for all damages to rooms, and for pianos pushed off balconies into swimming pools.

ROCK VIDEO PRODUCTION COSTS



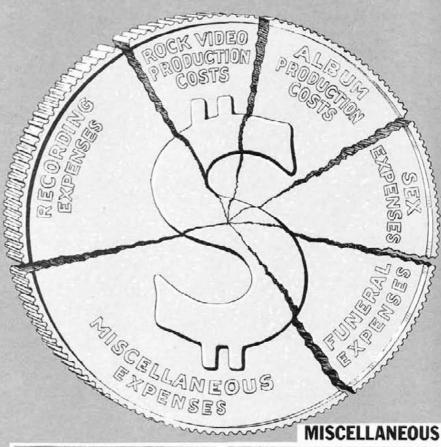
6¢

Extra-strength hallucinatory drugs for the band members to take while writing and filming video...to insure that no one will ever be able to figure out what any of it means.



3¢

Special technician, to insure that rock star's lips never match up to recording during entire rock video production.





6¢

First class air fares and hotel expenses for nine months, after lead member's attempt to become a movie star fails miserably.



5¢

Press agent fees to surpress newspaper and magazine articles detailing rock star's operation to alter his looks...and sexual persuasion.

ALBUM PRODUCTION AND PACKAGING COSTS



1¢ lo lab

Fee for some semi-literate to write incomprehensible album liner notes that no one ever bothers to read anyway.



2¢

Special plastic shrink wrap for outside of album, to warp record just enough so no known stereo needle could possibly track it.



14¢

Accounting fee for double-entry system to substantiate huge production costs in order to keep wholesale price high, when actual cost of manufacturing and packaging album is about three cents.

SEX EXPENSES



1¢

Penicillin shots for a rock star who spends a wild, sweaty night of lust with groupies of every race, creed, color and underage.



3¢

Child support, when one or more of the above-mentioned grouples shows up nine months later with a cute baby, and a smart lawyer.



4¢

Legal fees and alimony, when rock star's current wife learns of the groupies and sues for a divorce.

FUNERAL EXPENSES



2¢

Coffin and burial expenses for the late member of the recording group who'd overindulged in assorted drugs.



4¢

Bribe to Coroner to fudge autopsy report and B-S reporters into believing that group member died of something other than drug overdose.



5¢

Assorted drugs for surviving members of the group, to help them get over the suffering and trauma caused by the death of their fellow performer.

EXPENSES



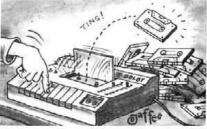
11¢

Payola to radio and video D.J.s, so they'll keep on playing his klinker album and video cassette —to try and hype it into a hit.



4¢

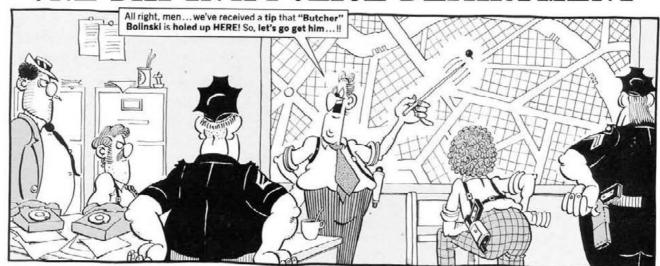
Legal fees for when rock star sues the record company, after selling two million albums and receiving \$79.50 in royalties.

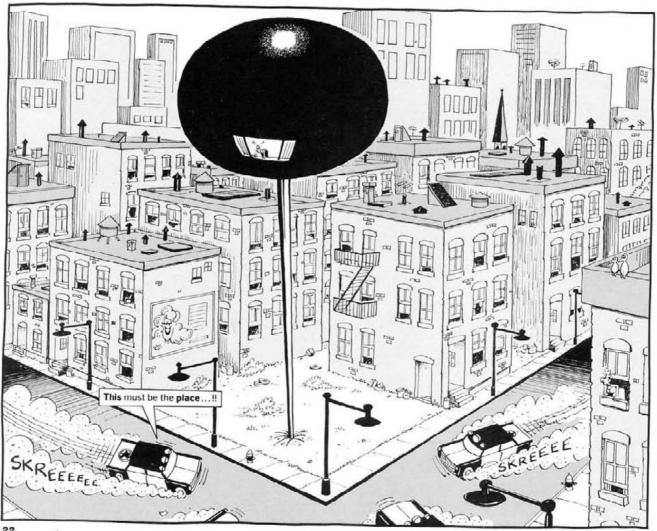


9¢

To make up for revenues lost when a clod (like you) buys the album, and then tapes it for six friends ...so they won't have to buy it. DON MARTIN DEPT. PART I

IN A POLICE DEPARTMENT





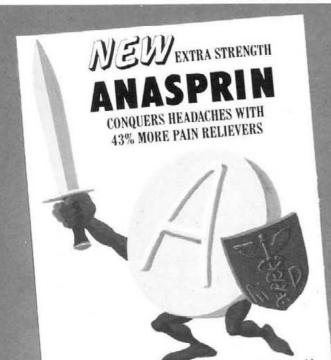
SONS OF PITCHES DEPT.

Have you noticed how big companies keep buying television time and magazine space to tell us about their "new, improved" versions of old, familiar products? And have you also noticed that these makers of "new, improved" products never take a moment to apologize for all the years they urged us to buy the "old, unimproved" products that came before? And how come they never tell us why they're spending millions of dollars to change something that supposedly didn't need any changing? MAD suspects there's a lot more to this merchandising ploy than meets the eye. In fact, we can envision what it would be like if manufacturers had to publish...

HONEST ADS THAT INTRODUCE CONEW, IMPROVED®PRODUCES

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

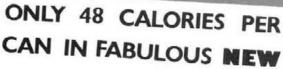
WRITER: TOM KOCH



Actually, this is just another way of saying that old, regular strength Anasprin failed to cure most headaches because it contained 43% less pain relievers! And that might explain why you and millions of others tried our product once, and then never bought it again! Now we're praying you'll be sufficiently impressed with this ad to give us another try, and discover whether Anasprin has improved enough to compete with other famous brands.

ANASPRIN

A PRODUCT OF MEGABUCK DRUGS, INC.
"Your Suffering Is Our Business"





Our master brewers have added a secret ingredient that now enables them to produce a can of Foombrau Light containing only 48 calories. Confidentially, the secret ingredient is water, which contains no cálories at all. The more you put into a beer, the more calories you eliminate. Also the more flavor you eliminate! However, we hope you'll be thinking only about your weight problem, and you won't notice that adding water makes new Foombrau Light taste like sour tea.

Foambrau Breweries

"Emphasizing The Only Feature That Makes Us Competitive: Weakness!"



THE GREATEST THING YOU'VE EVER EATEN!

BURGER BARN'S NEW TURKEY- ON-TOASTY



Bet you think it's strange that we've suddenly stopped touting our yummy hamburgers, and started telling you that turkey sandwiches are better! Well, we've got a reason! Even the gristly beef we serve has gotten so expensive that we now have to charge \$2.25 for a hamburger to break even! But we can still get rich selling you ground turkey parts for \$1.50! So join the suckers eating our latest fast-food gimmick—Turkey-On-Toasty!

BURGER BARN

LOOK FOR OUR OLD FAMILIAR SIGN (WHICH WE'LL CHANGE IF THIS NEW GIMMICK EVER CATCHES ON)!



THERE'S SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN!

Annie Oakley Regulars

THE CIGARETTE FOR TODAY'S LIBERATED WOMAN!

Isn't it time that women of the Eighties had a strong, unfiltered cigarette of their very own? We don't think so, since the one we're selling is just a repackaged version of our old brand that men quit smoking because it tended to kill them off. flowever, we've noted that tobacco sales are falling at the same time you girls are seeking an identity of your own...so we're trying to capitalize on Women's Lib with this hokey campaign.

ANNIE OAKLEYS "You'll Cough A Long Time, Baby!"



IT'S WEW!

THE HANDY PACK OF 4



Disposable Razors

ONLY \$1.69!

We used to sell these razors in a pack of 3 for 98th Recently, we decided to raise our price about 30%—but we were afraid that you shavers would react with outrage. However, some genius in our Sales Department suggested that we confuse you by adding one more razor to the pack while simultaneously boosting the price by rush to take advantage of this "bargain offer" todayl

ALSO AVAILABLE IN NEW LARGE SIZE ECONOMY PACKS OF 8 FOR ONLY \$3.591

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AFTER YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, SCOFF INTRODUCES



We've been selling paper towels for 58 years, so it's somewhat embarrassing to admit we needed all that time to perfect our product! Hopefully, you'll be so grateful Scoff Towels Don't fall apart quite as badly when wet as they used to that you won't even think about the hardships your mother suffered just because it took us so long to come up with a trivial thing like adding one extra ply! We're truly sorry, and we beg you to forgive us for three generations of peddling defective trash!

NEW DOUBLE-STRENGTH SCOFF TOWELS

"So Simple We Should've Thought Of It Half A Century Ago!"

Polarvoid takes another big step forward with the new SX90 Filmpack!

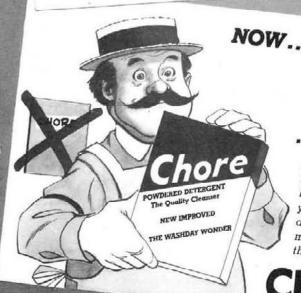


Since this new filmpack costs \$1.50 more than the old one, it naturally enables Polarvoid Photography to take another big step forward in its effort to become the world's most expensive way to take pictures. But considering how much you've already shelled out to buy a Polarvoid Camera, we're reasonably sure you won't mind investing a few more bucks to get a chance to use it!

POLARVOID... REMEMBER OUR MOTTO:



"Polarvoid Cameras Use Only Polarvoid Film— Which Fits Only Polarvoid Cameras—Which Makes It Nice For The Polarvoid Corporation!"



THERE'S NEW, IMPROVED Chore

...IN THE BRIGHT RED AND BLUE BOX!

Remember regular Chore, the dependable washday detergent that's been available for two generations? Probably not, because it was packaged in a drab grey box that most of you shoppers never even noticed. That's why we're introducing new, improved Chore. The product itself is pretty much the same, but we've made some great improvements in the box. We'll hope you'll give it a try now...finally!

Chore A FAIRLY GOOD PRODUCT SINCE 1947, AND VISIBLE ON YOUR SUPERMARKET'S SHELF SINCE LAST WEEK!

BLUNDER ENLIGHTENING DEPT.

While today's literary market has been flooded with "How-To" books, we at MAD find that there's a shortage of books that explain "How-Not-To" do things. We

THE MAD "D

CHAPTER I: WHAT NOT

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

At the wake, DON'T use the dearly departed's forehead as a resting place for your drink.



DON'T try to cheer up the wife of the deceased by showing her snapshots of her husband having a great time on a recent business trip.



If you're employed at "Disneyland," DON'T go to the funeral service direct from work.



DON'T wear your "Walkman" if you're one of the pallbearers.



DON'T use stilts in order to get a better view of the burial ceremony.



think there's just as much value in knowing what not to do as there is in knowing what to do. And so, with this in mind, the Editors of MAD proudly present:

ON'T" BOOK



TO DO AT A FUNERAL





WRITERS: JOE RAIOLA AND CHARLIE KADAU

When you send your condolences to the grieving family, DON'T use the "Belly-Gram" message service.



DON'T arrive at the cemetery services in a hot air balloon.



DON'T play with your frisbee during the cemetery services.



DON'T slip the organist \$5.00 and tell him that the deceased's favorite song was "Girls Just Want To Have Fun."



At the reception following the funeral, DON'T entertain the guests with a hand puppet of the deceased.



LOOK FOR CHAPTER II OF "THE MAD 'DON'T' BOOK" IN AN UPCOMING ISSUE OF THIS IDIOTIC MAGAZINE

BEING ILL



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THELIGHTE

ENGAGEMENTS









What do you GET for a

guy who has everything?!

PEST INVASIONS







and or entire to



RSIDEOF... ARTIST & WRITER DAVE BERG

EDUCATION

In the school that I go to, hardly anybody can READ...or WRITE!!



They can't do MATH problems ... they don't know HISTORY ... and when it comes to the SCIENCES ... forget it!!



Boy, you sure have a lot of DUMB KIDS in your school!!



I'm talking about the TEACHERS!!!



WISHES

lell me this: If you were granted ONE WISH, what would it be?

I don't even have to think twice! I know EXACTLY what I would wish!



I'd wish that two quarts

That's a ridiculous wish!!
Why would you want to wish
for anything that dumb?!?



Because THAT's what I wrote on my Science Exam this morning!!



BODY MOVEMENTS



I just ate in the School Cafeteria!!



BORROWING



HIGHER EDUCATION

The mail just came...and there are TWO LETTERS from the State University!



One is from our son, Mark ... and the other is from the Dean of the school ...!



Is Mark in trouble...?



No...WE

are!!

They BOTH want MONEY!!



DOTING FATHERS



There goes my only Daughter ... out with a young man I hardly know anything about! He could be a dope addictor a drunkard—or a rapist—or God knows what kind of criminal—or a BUM!!



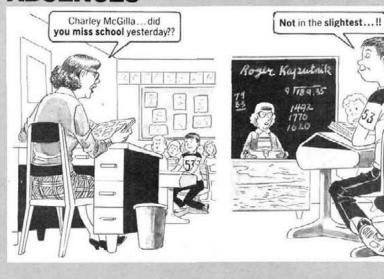
Boy, when it comes to your Daughter, you're the BIG-GEST WORRIER I ever knew!





ABSENCES





SMOKING



Hey, Mister...don't you know that smoking is bad for the lungs?!



Then why do you smoke!?!

Yes, I'm

aware

of it!!



| don't

inhale!!





CHARACTER EVALUATION





I'm her BEST FRIEND!!





Not only that ... she's mean, selfish, and a tramp! Oh...I don't think she's THAT bad!!





Oh, yeah? What makes YOU such an authority??









GROWING UP

Hi, Dad! Can you help me with my homework tonight?

Sorry, Son ... I've got to beg off this time! I didn't finish up something at the office ...!



Tonight, I have to do some research, and then write a report so that I can hand it in to my Boss the first thing tomorrow morning!



Holy Cow!! I just realized something HORRIBLE!!



You never outgrow HOMEWORKIII



DRUG STORES









RYING THE UNFRIENDLY SKIES DEPT.

How can anyone stand to read the "Airline Information Cards" that are always in the seat pocket in front of them? The information is either stupid, or useless! Like what kind of idiot needs twenty pictures to explain how to buckle their seat belt?

Even worse are the "Emergency Instructions"! Like, what kind of moron is actually going to believe he can paddle across the Atlantic on a seat cushion?! And in February, no less! What we really need is practical information! Like how to get the Airlines to adopt the suggestions made in this MAD article:



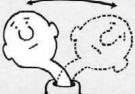
USEFUL AND PRACTICAL INFLIGHT INFORMATION **WE'D LIKE TO SEE**

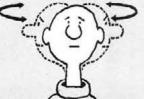
Chapter 1

UN-KINKING YOUR NECK AFTER A THREE-HOUR MOVIE IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SEAT

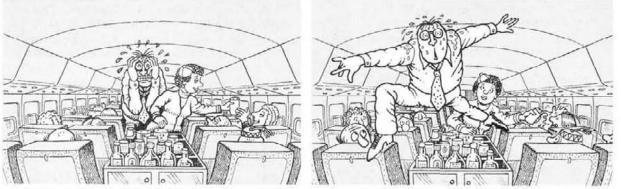








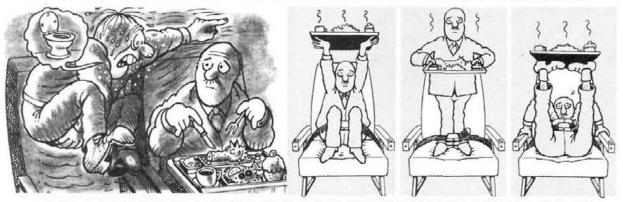
CIRCUMVENTING THE FOOD OR LIQUOR CART WHEN YOU ARE ON AN EMERGENCY TRIP TO THE TOILET



CONTROLLING BODILY FUNCTIONS WHEN COMMANDED TO RETURN TO SEAT JUST AS YOU ENTER TOILET



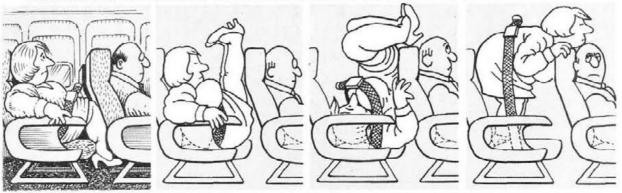
BALANCING YOUR FOOD TRAY WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR HAS TO MAKE A HASTY EXIT TO USE THE TOILET



PROPER SIDE BENDS (WHILE WEARING SEAT BELTS) WHEN FELLOW PASSENGER IS USING A BARF BAG



LEG MANEUVERS AND EXERCISES TO RESTORE CIRCULATION WHEN JAMMED IN TIGHTLY-PACKED SEATS

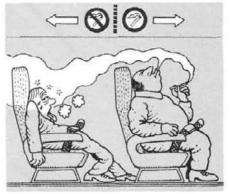


WATCHING THE MOVIE WITHOUT BEING BLINDED WHEN UNCOOPERATIVE PASSENGER WON'T PULL SHADE

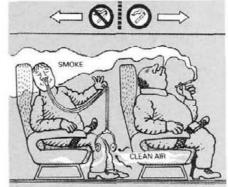




AVOIDING THE SMOKE WHEN YOUR "NO SMOKING" SEAT IS DIRECTLY BEHIND THE "SMOKING" SECTION







RETRIEVING ITEMS FROM OVERHEAD STORAGE COMPARTMENT WHEN AISLE IS JAMMED AFTER LANDING







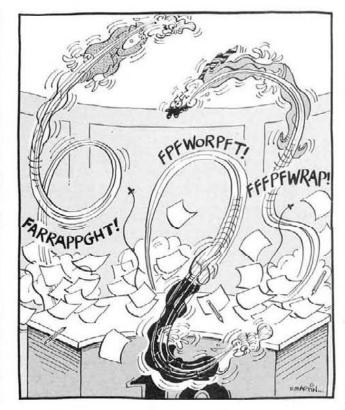


ONE FINE DAY AT A TELEVISION STATION









JUSTICE ONCE DEPT.



If you've ever seen a "Wanted" poster in any post office, you know that they depict a motley collection of bank robbers, counterfeiters, mail fraud artists and other Federal fugitives. Now, MAD concedes that it would be nice to get these creeps out of circulation, but we can't see how it would have much effect on our own personal lives. That's because the louts who wreak havoc on us average persons aren't on any law enforcement agency "Wanted" list—yet! MAD would lay the heavy hand of justice where it's most needed, by filling our public buildings' bulletin board with these

WANTED POSTERS

FOR THE REAL CRIMINALS WHO THREATEN OUR LIVES

WRITER: TOM KOCH

WANTED

FOR PREMEDITATED SALE OF UNASSEMBLED ITEMS
Toize Appuss





DESCRIPTION

AGE: 39.50, marked down from 45.98 HEIGHT: 5'2", when crouched to spring at young customers WEIGHT: 145, but getting fatter at our expense

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Italian shoes, Swiss account

VIOLATION

Subject is known to display toys and household items that have been assembled by professional mechanics, while at the same time, falling to tell customers of his discount stores that their purchase of the same items will result in their acquiring nothing but a boxful of loose parts, nuts and bolts. In addition, Arruss has never publicly stated that (1) all assembly instructions are printed in Taiwan by people who don't understand English, and (2) several pieces are missing from each box, making an attempt to understand the instructions useless anyway.

WANTED

FOR FIRST-DEGREE CHECK-OUT COUNTER BLOCKAGE

Kimberly (Cuddles) Egotrip





DESCRIPTION

AGE: 23, physically; 8 mentally HEIGHT: She calls it petite, but we call it short WEIGHT: Ideal, in her humble opinion

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: A 38" bust and a 38 I.Q.

VIOLATION

This fiend has been spotted in supermarkets across the U.S., blocking Express Lanes as she leisurely writes checks for grocery purchases that never total more then three dollars. Egotrip compounds this heinous crime by: (1) thoughtlessly failing to begin the long search for her checkbook until all items have been totaled; (2) invariably needing to borrow a pen once said checkbook is located; (3) producing 3 identifications that list 3 different home addresses, none of which are current and (4) refusing to move along until a box boy can be found to carry her 2 lb. purchase to her car.

WANTED

FOR MAJOR LEAGUE DAWDLING
Lunis (Lefty Lunie) Phinus





DESCRIPTION

AGE: Still only 26 because he's slow at aging too HEIGHT: The size of a small elm, but less agile WEIGHT: Poorly distributed, due to lack of exercise

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: He pitches lefty and bats lousy

VIOLATION

During six mediocre seasons with the Seattle Mariners (and even worse teams). Phipps has developed a maddening between-pitches routine that involves taking off his cap, watching a plane fly over, squinting at the catcher, putting his cap back on, asking for a new ball, rubbing the finish off it, studying the trademark on his glove and, on occasion, reading every bedsheet sign in the grandstand. This has caused each game in which he appeared to last at least four hours, keeping thousands of fans up until after midnight or more.

FOR AUTHORSHIP OF THE "SIMPLIFIED" 1040 TAX FORM

FOR AUTHORSHIP OF THE "SIMPLIFIED" 1040 TAX FORM

C.P.A. Aldershot, C.P.A.





DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40-to-50 year bracket GROSS HEIGHT5'10"
Less thickness of Odor
Eater Shoe Inserts1'/2"
NET HEIGHT5'8'/2"

WEIGHT: 147, after allowable clothing deduction

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Has always been seen wearing steel rimmed glasses, with a personality to match

VINI ATION

Aldershot was recently awarded the IRS Medal of Devious Entrapment for his work in composing the following segment of the new "simplified" 1040 Long Form:

38. If Line 36 is larger than Line 37, add 9% of Medical Expenses shown on Line 19, and enter the lesser amount here.

WANTED

FOR TOTALLY UNOPENABLE FOOD PACKAGING

Dr. Wolfgang Frankincense





DESCRIPTION

AGE: Past 40, and neurotic about it HEIGHT: Only 5'3" and paranoid about it

WEIGHT: Over, and hysterical about it

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Often appears to be neurotic, paranoid and over-hysterical

VIOLATION

Frankincense terminated his experiments to turn beautiful girls into frogs in 1968, and entered the more diabolical field of food packaging. By placing a sealed plastic bag inside a tough corrugated box, which is then bundled into foil paper and hermetically sealed, Frankincense had kept customers from getting parcels open (only to discover that there are no less than nine broken cookies inside) for years. His equally evil accounting system has prevented the public from learning that cookies now cost \$1.39 primarily because the package they come in costs \$1.15 to produce.

WANTED

FOR GRODY CLASS SCHEDULING (Miss) Fern Overbyte





DESCRIPTION

AGE: 46 (but might not live to see 47) HEIGHT: 5'2" (but appears to be shrinking)

WEIGHT: 96 lbs. (but appears to be withering)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Hairdo like Little Orphan Annie; wardrobe more like Olive Oyl

VIOLATION

Miss Overbyte is the creature who first discovered that semester class schedules for high school students could be made even more illogical and inconvenient if the planning were done by computer, thus eliminating all traces of human compassion. Using Miss Overbyte's softwear, high schools across the country now assign countless students to an 8 A.M. History Class, followed by three Study Halls and two Lunch Periods, rounding out the 11-hour day with Algebra IV, Spanish, Algebra III, Phys. Ed. and Algebra I.

WANTED

FOR PERPETUATION OF WAITING ROOM WAITING Malcolm (Mal) Practiss, M.D.



DESCRIPTION

AGE: 78. but can't be forced to retire

HEIGHT: 4'2", when seated at his desk looking pompous

WEIGHT: 165. including flaunted stethoscope

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Has the hands of a surgeon and the bank account of a mobster

VIOLATION

Heading the American Physicians Association committee that arranges to keep medical school admissions at a low level, thus perpetuating a national shortage of doctors, Practiss aims for a permanent ratio of 1 physician for every 2000 sick people. He finds this satisfactory for forcing each patient to sit in a doctor's waiting room for two hours, after already having waited two weeks for an appointment. (These periods are extended 50% in the case of specialists who charge 75% more to treat patients who are 10% sicker.)

WANTED

FOR OVERLISE OF LITTERABLE WRAPPINGS **Egbert McNuthin**





DESCRIPTION

AGE: Still 49. despite inflation

HEIGHT: Originally 6'4" before shrinkage left him about 5'5"

WEIGHT: 190, which is approximately equal to 3,250 of his patties

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Hasfresh smile, but stale buns

VIOLATION

McNuthin is accused of the major responsibility for littering America by creating a successful fast food chain that wraps each tiny hamburger in five sheets of paper. then stuffs it into a cardboard box, which is then stuffed into a sack along with four paper napkins, a plastic spoon and six foil packets of watery ketchup and weak mustard. All of this excess trash is ultimately scattered on lawns by thoughtless customers, thereby burying the entire U.S. in McNuthin's waste paper to an average depth of 6 inches.

WANTED

FOR DISGUSTING PUBLIC STICKAGE Stan Fonds, Sr.





DESCRIPTION

AGE: 51 but tells women he's only 38

HEIGHT: 5'7" but custom shoes make him look 5'9"

WEIGHT: 176, but tells his doctor he's only 160

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Has a very long nose and an even longer Mercedes

VIOLATION

As President of Fopps Bubble Gum Corp., Stan has resisted all suggestions that he replace the rubbery glue in his product with harmless strawberry-flavored paraffin. As a result, the spitting out of Fopps' bubble gum wads causes 85,000 ruined theater seats, 380,000 icky shoe soles and 125,000 cases of matted human hair annually. With his only defense being that a safer product would cost as much as \$700 of his \$85-million yearly profits, Fopps faces a ten year term of being hung by his heels with his own gum.

WANTED

FOR GRAND THEFT, VIDEO TIME Creighton (The Cretin) Nurge





DESCRIPTION

AGE: 13, going on 6 HEIGHT: 5'2" WEIGHT: 210 **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: Wears a 54-inch belt**

VINI ATION

As chief program selector in a household that is one of the 1,200 Neilsen Rating families, Nurge played a sig-nificant role in keeping "Dukes Of Hazzard" and "That's Incredible" on the air, while depriving a whole nation of the better shows he neglected to watch, like "Paper Chase" and "Fame." Authorities charge that this brainless oaf has addled the minds of 26 million Americans with his influential but utterly sickening taste in entertainment. 39

The Mystery Of
The Sudden Hot-To-Cold-Switching Shower



The Mystery Of The Soap-In-The-Eye Vanishing Towel



The Mystery Of The Pasteless Toothbrush



DAWN'S EARLY FRIGHTS DEPT.

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The Mystery Of The Loose Pajama Bottoms



The Mystery Of The Incorrect Timepieces



The Mystery Of The Forgotten Toast



TERIES IORNING

WRITER AND ARTIST: PAUL PETER PORGES

The Mystery Of The Disappearing Butter Patty



The Mystery Of The Missing Sports Page



The Mystery Of The Roaming Eyelash



The Mystery Of The Self-Slamming Front Door



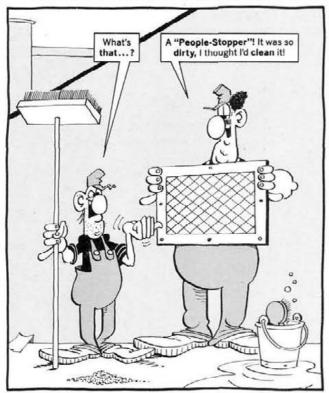
The Mystery Of The Extra Shirt Button

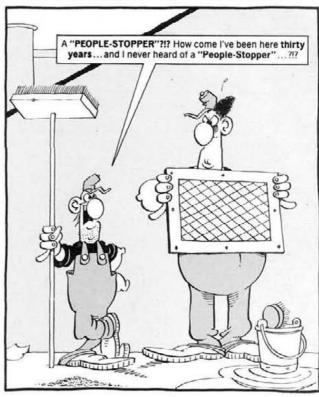


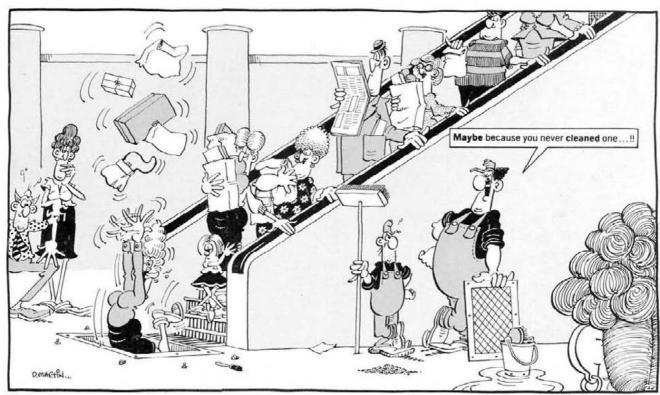
The Mystery Of The Bad Weather Phantom Buses



ONE FINE DAY IN A DEPARTMENT STORE





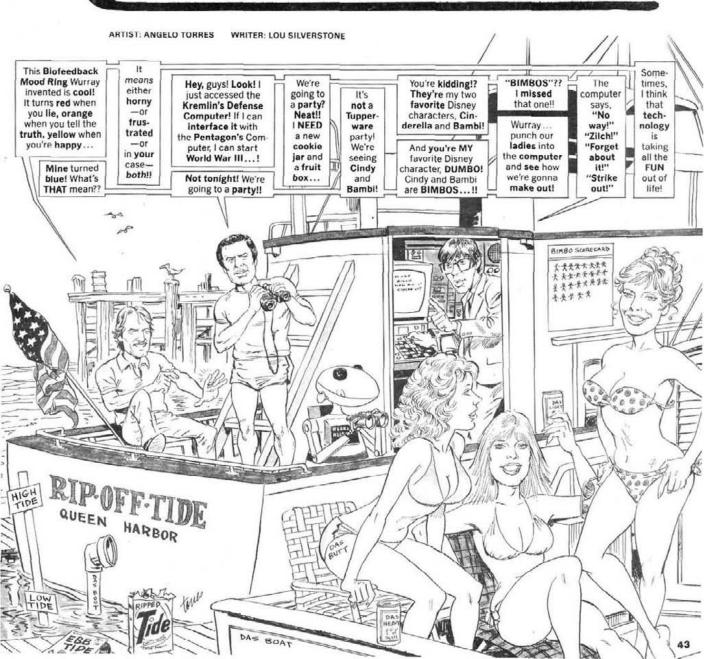


SCHLOCK AROUND THE DOCK DEPT.

Did you ever wonder how the geniuses in charge of TV Programming manage to come up with stuff that's just like the garbage that's already on? Well, they use a not-so-secret formula. It's called "stealing"! F'rinstance, there's a popular new PI series that features a "Magnum" clone complete with moustache, gorgeous gals and an old Army buddy who flies a chopper. And from "Simon and Simon," this series borrowed the idea of partners living on a boat. Then, they added a cute robot ("Star Wars"), threw in a computer whiz ("War Games"), and came up with something that MAD calls:



RIP-OFF-TIDE















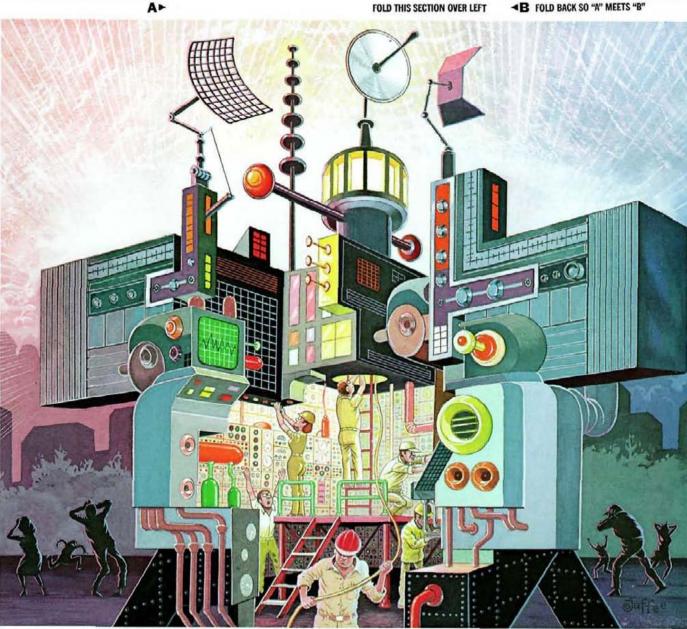


WHAT
POWERFUL
NON-NUCLEAR
DEVICE
IS THERE
NO DEFENSE
ACAINST?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Our brilliant scientists have managed to come up with a defense against every new offensive device that's been developed... except one! To find out what that powerful destructive weapon is, merely fold in page as shown in the diagram at the right.





ARTIST & WRITER: AL JAFFEE

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BIZARRE DEVICES ARE BEING CREATED SO WE WON'T LAG BEHIND IN SECURITY. ALL IN ALL, THEY SPREAD GLOOM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD...AND NO ONE REALLY RELAXES

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